

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and corporate bias.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated BY LAW to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, misguided, one-sided viewpoints, such as Mark Hyman's editorial "The Point" are presented at the expense of fair-minded inquiry and debate. It is more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Moreover, if the FCC takes no action, it signifies how the agency itself is squarely on the side of corporations and against individual freedom and opinions, such as those of Howard Stern. Thank you.